



Fremont Cemetery Trustee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Matt Thomas at 5:00 pm in the basement meeting room of the Fremont Town Hall. Present were: Cemetery Trustees Matthew Thomas and Steve Harms, and Cemetery Sexton Shawn Perreault.

Mr. Harms made a motion to approve the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes with no changes needed. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Mr. Harms and Mr. Thomas reviewed Jeanne Nygren's letter of interest in the open position for Cemetery Trustee. There was a question if this would be prohibited under the Ordinance because Mrs. Nygren current handles the clerical duties. However, Shawn Perreault will be taking over those duties which eliminates any conflict. After this was discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Thomas to appoint Mrs. Nygren to the open Trustee position based on her years of services to the Trustees in her current role and her knowledge. Mr. Harms second the motion. Motion was passed to recommend the appointment of Mrs. Nygren as the new Cemetery Trustee to the Town Selectmen.

There was a concern that if a new maintenance person was not hired, Bruce wouldn't be able to get the cemeteries ready in time for Memorial Day. There was one part-time applicant that Heidi and Bruce were moving forward on. Shawn will check the status of this candidate with Heidi. It was also stated that if there was limited time – Leavitt and Village Cemeteries were the 1<sup>st</sup> priority.

Shawn will check with Bruce on the status of the veteran flags being placed on the grave stones and send the Trustees an email updating them. She is also going to provide Mr. Thomas with a copy of the Veteran List received from "Wreath Across America". The wreaths are placed in December.

New Cemetery was discussed – Cory West is very interested in extending the current Hoitt/Currier cemetery. It is unclear if it would be done by donation or if the Town of Fremont would have to purchase it. He is looking to have the land surveyed in the Spring and stated we could have the new portion of the cemetery done at the same time. Mr. Thomas told him we could place a marker of some kind recognizing the donation. If this happens, Mr. Thomas stated he would like to make sure it is landscaped nicely. Mr. Harms agreed and said if this happens a lot of brush could be cleaned up between the old and new sections. The Hoitt/Currier cemetery is owned and maintained by the Town of Fremont. There is no known map of the old section. There was a document stating that at least 300 stones including foot stones were there at one time. Currently, when you visit the cemetery there are a lot less than 300 stones. Mr. Thomas will contact Mr. West again in two weeks to see if he is still planning on the new cemetery land and find out more details.

Mr. Thomas thought it would be a great resource to obtain a membership to the Old Graveyard News, which we were sent a copy of this month. The cost is \$10.00. A motion was made and second for Mr. Thomas to subscribe to it in his name. Motion passed.



Corner post were discussed and the process was explained to Shawn. Once the lot is staked with flags by Bruce, it is the family's responsibility to place the corner posts. They can be made from anything the family chooses to place. We would ideally like to have them placed within 30 day of purchase of a cemetery lot.

Next meeting was scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

Motion made by Mr. Harms to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Perreault  
Cemetery Sexton